



# Open Gardens Manuden 2016 Sunday 10th July

As you will all know by now the open gardens day has been announced and the date is 10th July. We already have some new gardens to include as well as our old favourites. I thought it may be useful to give out some gardening tips to inspire some of you who say "oh my garden is not big enough, glamorous, planned, designed, to open. The whole idea of open gardens is to show other people what you can do in a large space or postage stamp - and to raise money for good causes!! My own garden has bindweed as well as other lovely plants and, as a full time gardener, it is a case of the Cobblers children!! I cannot express enough how we want all gardens to be included from the smallest to the largest, it is amazing how two gardens side by side can be so different! The idea of the afternoon is to share your love of your garden with others! With this in mind how about a couple of seasonal garden tips to encourage you to join in. December is a great time to put on your Christmas list some new plants to put in your garden - you can order plants from nurseries for planting later in the year or make up a voucher and give it to your friends or relatives as an I.O.U. for the spring. This also spreads the cost of Christmas (two tips in one). Just don't forget when Great Aunt Ethel waves aforementioned voucher under your nose in April!! There is always something to do in the garden and there is still time to plant Tulips up until Christmas. Pop in to the local Homebase and see if there are any reduced packs, tulips bulbs will still be fine and you may even have saved some money! You will possibly be given a Poinsettia for the festive season they hate the cold! Having originated from Mexico (or a greenhouse in Spalding) don't leave them on the window sill behind the curtains as they won't like sitting there all night in the cold anymore than you would!! That's not an OPEN GARDENS tip I hear you cry! but it's ideal to glance at whilst you sit by the fire and dream of sunny summer days planning the newest addition to your beds that will be admired by all the visitors on July 10th!!

There will be more tips in next month's magazine so order your copy now!

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